

I am an airline employee. While I am not a flight attendant, I am around the travelling public enough and aboard aircraft while in-flight enough to know that the permitted use of cellular phone onboard will, while it may be convenient for a few, be a greater hinderance to the many. As it is now, hardly anyone truly pays attention to the pre-flight safety demonstration. Imagine with half or more of the plane on the phone. Besides, do we really need to hear the conversations of those around us? Or on a red-eye, be woken up somewhere over Kansas so that someone can talk to their friend? I can't comment on the technical aspects, i.e. communication interference, as I don't know about these things. But I do know about personal annoyances and the like, and onboard cell phones would be but another.